

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LAW , JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:7522

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Will the Minister of LAW , JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Photo Identity Card introduced by the Election Commission has achieved the target;
- (b) if so, the percentage of citizens in the country have been provided Photo Identity Cards so far; and
- (c) the action taken to provide Photo Identity Card to the remaining citizens, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE & COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY)

(a) to (c): Yes, Sir. According to the Election Commission of India, the electors' photo identity cards (EPICs) programme introduced by it has achieved substantial progress. Some States have achieved the minimum target of 85% specified by the Commission, some are very close to achieving the target and are likely to reach the target in near future. A statement showing the progress of issuance of EPICs as on 30.4.2002 is laid on the Table of the House. As regards the issue of these cards to the remaining electors, the Commission has informed that it has comprehensively reviewed the programme and launched its second phase in the year 2000, during which the residual electors who were not covered in the first phase of the programme are also covered alongwith the new electors whose names get enrolled in the electoral rolls after revision of electoral rolls every year. The electors who are not covered in the current programme will always constitute a residual part of the programme. The Commission's continuous effort is to provide the EPICs to the electors who are left out in the previous campaigns as well as the new electors.

Statement referred to in reply to parts (a) to (c) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.7522 dated 16.5.2002.

ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

STATUS REPORT ON PROGRESS OF ELECTORS PHOTO IDENTITY CARDS

Sl.No. STATES/UTs Total Electors Electors Percent (figures
issued with in 5 as % of 4)
Defect-free
Identity Cards

1 Andhra Pradesh	50,898,945	32,568,406	63.99
2 Arunachal Pra	638,718	373,452	58.47
3 Assam	14,426,221	67,479	0.47
4 Bihar	58,438,317	21,681,836	37.10
5 Goa	934,980	518,103	55.41
6 Gujarat	30,437,773	23,177,051	76.15
7 Haryana	12,275,952	9,182,618	74.80
8 Himachal Pra	3,978,795	2,659,253	66.84
9 J&K++	5,022,782	0	0.00
10 Karnataka	35,123,307	24,612,144	70.07
11 Kerala	22,835,568	18,344,689	80.33
12 Madhya Pradesh	35,244,850	21,855,970	62.01
13 Maharashtra	58,285,729	44,455,999	76.27
14 Manipur	1,441,936	1,033,733	71.69
15 Meghalaya	1,206,720	713,632	59.14
16 Mizoram	457,434	0	0.00
17 Nagaland	966,275	625,996	64.78
18 Orissa	25,049,023	18,232,312	72.79
19 Punjab	15,606,639	11,785,471	75.52
20 Rajasthan	31,538,025	23,776,086	75.39
21 Sikkim	257,062	200,077	77.83
22 Tamil Nadu	47,365,189	31,662,414	66.85
23 Tripura	1,880,746	1,266,795	67.36
24 Uttar Pradesh	98,863,132	56,419,336	57.07
25 West Bengal	48,672,291	42,193,813	86.69
26 A & N Islands	258,296	195,072	75.52

27	Chandigarh	538,607	381,048	70.75
28	D & N Haveli	118,397	87,150	73.61
29	Daman & Diu	71,931	45,645	63.46
30	NCT of Delhi	8,186,002	4,368,226	53.36
31	Lakshadweep	36,738	31,813	86.59
32	Pondicherry	658,927	555,675	84.33
33	Chhattisgarh	12,737,705	5,398,879	42.39
34	Jharkhand+			
35	Uttaranchal	5,167,525	2,726,709	52.77

ALL INDIA TOTAL 629,620,537 401,196,882 63.72

+ Included in Bihar. Separate figures for the State are not available.
++ the scheme has not been extended to J&K.